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For : CLOSURE PART AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND  
APPARATUS FOR USING THE METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the official action mailed September 12, 2002 for the above identified patent application.

The official action required Applicants to restrict prosecution of the claims in this application to Group I (claims 1 and 2), Group II (claims 3, 4, 7, and 8) or Group III (claims 5, 6, 9, and 10).

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1 and 2) with traverse.

The Examiner asserts that EP 809952 discloses all the features of claim 1 and that the special technical features of the claimed invention are not found to define a contribution over the prior art. Applicants respectfully disagree and assert that there is a unity of invention between the aforementioned groups. Claim 1 identifies that the adhesive medium consists of fluorine. Applicants have enclosed a translation of the PCT International Search report, which discuss this novel feature. EP 809952 fails to disclose this claim feature.

Applicants have claimed a product, a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said

process thereby meeting the requirement for unity of invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that due to the foregoing that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and that all the claims should be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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